

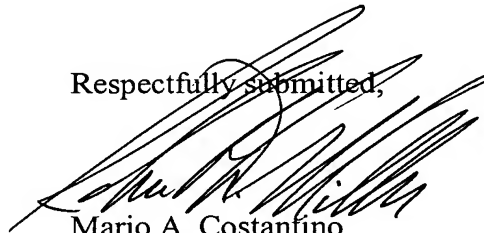
REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 18, 20-27, 29-36 and 39 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 11, 20-22, 25, 29-31, 35 and 39 are amended herein and claims 16, 17, 19, 28, 37, 38, 40 and 41 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject found therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above amended claims be entered into the application prior to taking the application up for consideration. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-15, 18, 20-27, 29-36 and 39 are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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